

REMARKS

Claims 108-119 are currently pending in this application.

New apparatus claims 108-119 are added to better define other embodiments of the present invention.

Claims 68-107 were provisionally rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 46-85, respectively, of co-pending Application No. 09/791,802. Claims 68-107 have been cancelled, and new claims 108-119 have been added. It is submitted that the invention as defined by at least claims 108-119 is not the same as that claimed in co-pending Application No. 09/791,802, and this rejection has been rendered moot.

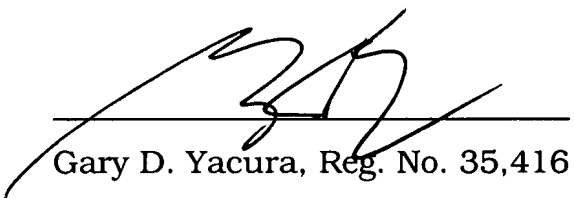
CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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